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Mfumte language

Mfumte (Nfumte) is a Grassfields Bantu language of Cameroon. It is not clear if the four varieties spoken by ethnic Mfumte—**Ndaktup**, **Kwaja**, **Fum** and Mfumte proper—are mutually intelligible or distinct languages; ability to communicate may be either due to inherent intelligibility or to bilingualism, while *Fum* and *Mfumte* may simply be the Nigerian and Cameroonian names for the same language.

Mfumte	
Region	Cameroon
Ethnicity	Mfumte
Native speakers	(24,700 Mfumte dialect cited 1982)[1] 6,000 Kwaja and Ndaktup (2000), unknown number Fum
Language family	Niger–Congo ▪ Atlantic–Congo ▪ Benue–Congo ▪ Southern Bantoid ▪ Grassfields ▪ Eastern ▪ Nkambe ▪ **Mfumte**
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	Variously: `nfu` – Mfumte `fum` – Fum `kdz` – Kwaja (East Mfumte)
Glottolog	`mfum1239 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/mfum1239)` Mfumteic[2] `fumm1238 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/fumm1238)` Fum[3]

Orthography

The mfumte alphabet has 40 letters, with 30 consonants and 10 vowels.[4]

[4]

Letters (uppercase)	A	B	Ch	D	Dz	E	Ə	F	G	Gb	Gh	H	’	I	Ɨ	J	K	Kp	L	M	N	Ny	Ŋ	O	Ɔ	Ø	P	R	S
Letters (lowercase)	a	b	ch	d	dz	e	ə	f	g	gb	gh	h	’	i	ɨ	j	k	kp	l	m	n	ny	ŋ	o	ɔ	ø	p	r	s
IPA	/a/	/b/	/tʃ/	/d/	/dz/	/e/	/ə/	/f/	/g/	/gb/	/ɣ/	/x/, /ɦ/	/h/	/i/	/ɯ/	/dʒ/	/k/	/kp/	/l/	/m/	/n/	/ɲ/	/ŋ/	/o/	/ɔ/	/ø/	/p/	/ɾ/	/s

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External links

- A Sketch Grammar of the Central Mfumte Language (http://www.silcam.org/documents/CentralMfumteGrammarSketchFINALJUNE242014.pdf) An introduction to the Mfumte language and a description of its grammar rules
- Conflict Resolution Systems in Wulí’ Culture (http://www.silcam.org/documents/ConflictResolutionSystemsInWuliCulture2013.pdf) A description of language conflict including the Mfumte language

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